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TOPIC Finow Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Finow airfield between 23 October and 12 November 1954: 25X1

23 to 29 October. No air activity was observed. Possibilities of observation were limited. At 1100 on 29 October, about 45 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked on the landing field. Additional aircraft which were not clearly seen were parked farther away on the landing field. An AA 4 MK 3-type radar set was located south of the main runway. 25X1

2 to 9 November. On some days light air activity was observed from the town area.

10 November. Between 0900 and 2230, there was intensive air activity. About 50 take-offs and subsequently individual local flights were made by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s. At night, the aircraft had set position lights. Only the rotatable searchlight near Finowfurth in operation.

12 November. There was intensive individual local flying by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s.

2. A Token-type radar set was seen about 70 meters north of the Finow-Schoepfurth road about in line with kilometer marker 6.8. The set had been emplaced on a man made earth elevation. A temporary wooden building presumably housing the personnel assigned to the set was located about 15 meters east of it. A mushroom-shaped guardstand was seen next to the temporary building. A concrete bunker was located about 100 meters about 100 meters from the Finow-Schoepfurth road, about in-line with kilometer marker 5.65. During the last days in World War II, this bunker had been used as emergency hospital. It contained 12 rooms, of 10 to 12 square meters each. A radio installation had been established next to this bunker. The radar set and the radio installation were surrounded by a wire fence which was fitted with lamps which lighted the area during the night. A sketch for the area was made. In mid-October 1954, a truck mounting a searchlight of about 150 cm diameter was parked in the yard of the Finow estate. On 1 November, a truck which mounted a searchlight of about 1 meter diameter was additionally seen there. Two umbrella-shaped antennas were seen on the gable roof of a barn at Finow estate. There was personnel traffic between the estate and the radar set.

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The building in-line with the entrance to the estate was fully lighted at night.

3. Trucks [ ] were seen at the field. 25X1
4. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 25 October and 16 November: 25X1

25 October, 1 and 4 November. No air activity was observed. About 53 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were usually parked on the landing field. On 4 November, 2 Po-2s were additionally parked in front of the flight control station.

6 to 8 November. No air activity was observed. About 55 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked at the field. The alert flight of 4 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s was parked on the auxiliary runway north of the runway junction.

10 November. Between 0900 and 1300, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s made individual flights of 5 to 10 minutes duration. After 1700, the aircraft had set position flights.

11 November. Between 1030 and 1430, aircraft were heard flying above the clouds. There was a 7/10 to 10/10 overcast.

12 November. Between 1000 and 1700, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s practiced flying.

14 to 16 November. No air activity was observed. -1

5. An AA 4 MK 3 radar set was seen in the southern angle formed by the runways. A Fishnet-type radar set was seen about 100 meters east of it. A mast, about 10 meters high, was seen in the eastern extension of the main runway near the temporary buildings. Two umbrella-shaped antennas were seen on the roof of the barn of the Finow estate. A Token-type radar set was still observed south of the edge of the woods near Finow estate, another set of the same type was still seen on triangulation point 71.5 about 500 meters northwest of Sommerfelde. At about 0900 on 25 October and at about 1430 on 3 November, the Token-type sets were not in motion. A two-stranded telephone line extended from the northeastern corner of Artillerie Kaserne to the radio installation near the brickyard "Am Eichwerder". 2
6. Six 37-mm AA guns were seen in the AA gun emplacement southeast of the runway junction. On 1 and 4 November, 20 soldiers each were doing aiming practices in the emplacement.
7. On 6 November, construction work was being done on the aircraft revetments in the northeastern corner of the field.
8. Sentries seen at the field included one armed with a carbine at the main guard, one armed with a submachine gun at the ammunition depot north of the main guard, two sentries with carbines at the gap in the fence at the flying lane, and one armed with a carbine at the Token-type radar set near Finow estate.

Motor vehicles [ ] were seen at the field. 25X1

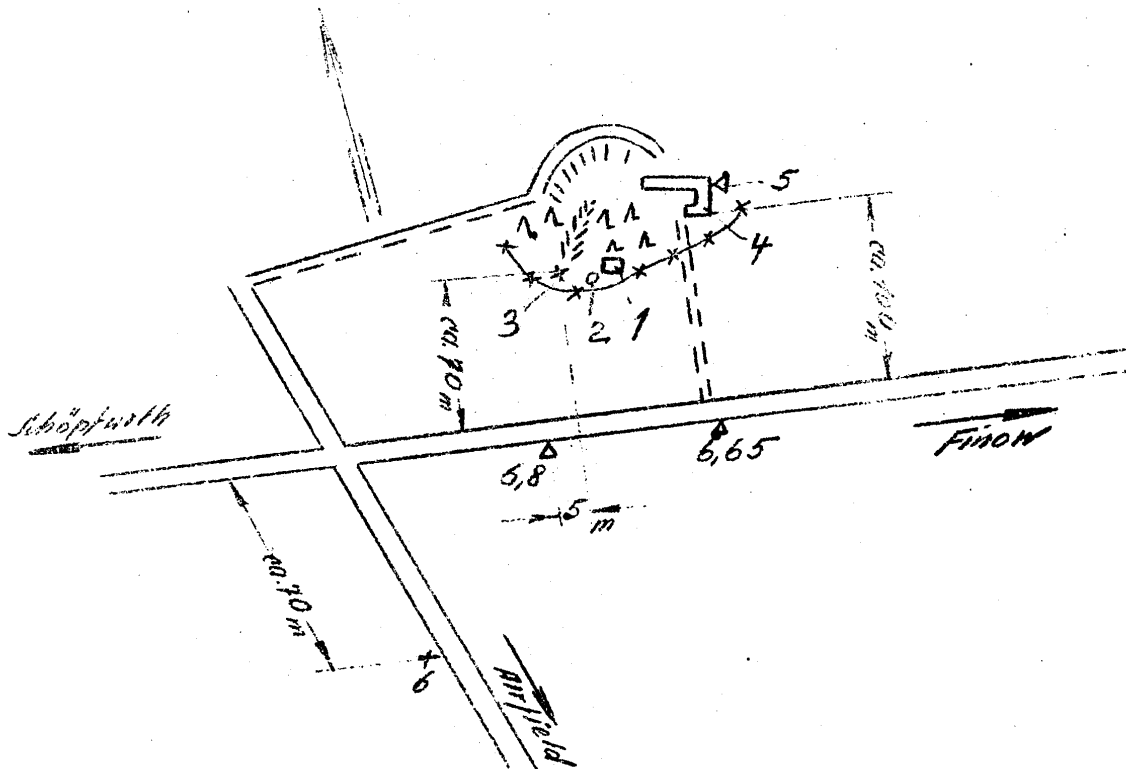
1. [ ] Comment. Finow airfield is still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments. Since 10 November, increased air activity has been observed. The rotated flying personnel presumably made instruction flights. Aircraft [ ] was reported for the first time; all other aircraft [ ] were previously reported from Finow. 25X1
2. [ ] Comment. The radar and radio installations at the field, near Finow estate and near Sommerfelde were repeatedly observed. For sketch of the Token-type radar set near Finow estate, see Annex. 25X1

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Annex

Radar Station Southeast of Finow EstateLegend:

- 1 Wooden barracks, about 3 x 4 meters
- 2 Mushroom-shaped guard stand
- 3 Token-type radar set
- 4 Concrete bunker with 12 rooms, each 10 to 12 square meters
- 5 Radio installation of 3 masts
- 6 Searchlight, occupied temporarily

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